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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent Application:

- 1. Abstract and Specification (21 pages)
- 2. Claims (4 pages, 25 claims)
- 3. Formal Drawings (5 sheets)

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